Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Workgroup Agenda

Date	May 23, 2023; 11:00am-1:00pm in ODE Conference Room B-004

Facilitators	**David Ehle****

	Alex Ahlers	**Jamie Hamilton**	Dara LaForest	**Cathy Spellman****
Workgroup Members	Crystal Aker	Stephanie Heidenreich	Carrie Long	**Amy Szymanski**
	Kim Atwell	Lee Herman	Karen Meister	**Bill Wagner**
	Greg Cosimi	Suzette Jackson	**Amber Myers**	Alice Weygandt
	Bryan Drost	Brian Jettinghoff	Ben Richards**	**Teresa Williams**
	Sue Hall	**Kylea Kimmerly**	Ryan Shively	**Graham Wood**

** Indicates the workgroup member is also on the EMIS Advisory Council.

Agenda Items	Facilitator	Approx. Start Time
Roll Call/Agenda Review	David Ehle	11:00
Approval of December 2022 Meeting Minutes	David Ehle	11:10
Feedback on PTG and EWS Data Dictionary & Exports	David Ehle	11:15
Feedback on PTG Report Menu	David Ehle	11:45
Feedback on EWS User Interface	David Ehle	12:15
Next Steps/Adjournment	David Ehle	12:55

Meeting Minutes

Welcome Roll Call
- The meeting was called to order by David Ehle at 11:11 a.m.
- The first order of business was roll call. All members were present except for Alex Ahlers, Crystal Aker, Greg Cosimi, Bryan Drost, Stephanie Heidenreich, Lee Herman, Suzette Jackson, Brian Jettinghoff, Dara LaForest, Carrie Long, Karen Meister, Ben Richards, Ryan Shively, and Alice Weygandt.

Approval of December 2022 Meeting Minutes: There were no objections to approving the meeting minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting.

Feedback on Progress Towards Graduation (PTG) and Early Warning System (EWS) Data Dictionary & Exports

- There are well over 200 data points that pull together to populate these systems. The team at the Department has developed a Data Dictionary which will show the source of data for each field. Well over 200 data points that putting together to populate these systems.
- The workgroup reviewed the Data Dictionary list and provided feedback on the data included and not included. Several workgroup members asked clarifying questions about the definitions.

Progress Towards Graduation (PTG)
- The PTG tool helps provide access to a student's graduation progress based on competency, readiness, and courses. It will show data for students enrolled or students claimed and should be a great tool for guidance and enrollment staff.
- Rollout will begin this month and Will start with credit reports. By fall, all reports will be available and reflect all data for this school year. Communication/promotion and training will be a major component for the field this fall.
- The workgroup discussed how the PTG is organized, the drill down/detail capabilities, and how to eventually create a PDF from the screen.
- Members were given the opportunity to provide feedback to make sure the right reports are in the menu, if there is anything missing, and asked to identify any reports they would never imagine using.

Early Warning System (EWS)
- The EWS module will assist districts in identifying students that may be at risk to not graduate on time. Again, this will be a great tool for guidance staff.
- It will be available in ODDEX during the 2023-24 school year.
- There are three high level indicators of students who should be examined regarding graduation risk:
  - Absent for 10% of school
  - Have a suspension
  - Failing grades
- In addition to statewide criteria on these items, each district will be able to configure their own threshold.
- In addition, the system will assign a graduation risk level (low, medium, high, ultra) based on points assigned in several areas. Points in some areas are all-or-nothing, others vary by the amount. In addition to areas with indicators, includes some demographic information, assessment performance, years retained in school, number of buildings attended, and extracurriculars (lack of). Members reviewed and provided feedback on a variety of aspects of the user interface.
  - The user interface will have a filter area to get the set of students to review for the following criteria:
    - 3 indicators, meeting state criteria
    - 3 indicators, meeting local criteria
    - Up to 2 local indicators based on uploaded student list
    - Overall risk level (Low to Ultra)
    - Building/grade level/graduation cohort
    - Demographics (SWD, EL, race/ethnicity)
  - From there they will be able to select students for download as CSV, or select an individual student for details/PDF report which will show actual numbers for each

indicator, source of points for overall risk level, and details on courses/discipline events/attendance patterns.

- o Districts will have the ability to configure local levels and other settings.
- The system will be released this fall.
- It will be important to keep data up to date for the system.
- Same data dictionary will be provided for this module.
- A few workgroup members expressed the importance to promote these tools with a data team approach to get guidance and enrollment staff, as well as principals and other administrators involved in the data. They emphasized the need for training and communication about these tools, as well as promoting access.

Adjournment
- The workgroup will most likely meet again in late fall 2023 after the rollout of these tools to check in and see how things are working and hopefully hear some great success stories.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

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